

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were originally filed in the parent application. Those claims are canceled in this continuation application and replaced with new claims 16-25. New claims 16-25 are similar to the allowed claims from the parent application, except that limitations about the shape and size of the electrodes are not included in new claims 16-25 because these limitations are unnecessary to distinguish the claims over the prior art. Thus, new claims 16-25 are believed to be patentable. FIGS. 1-8 and pages 4-10 (especially pages 9 and 10) of the specification support new claims 16-25.

No fees or requests for extension of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment. However, please consider this a request for any extension needed and charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account 01-0025.

Applicants respectfully request that the present application be favorably considered and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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